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Art Unit 1651

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Would the Office kindly cancel claims 1, 3 and 4.

Would the Office kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (cancelled)
2. (original) A method of controlling soilborne pathogens in a soil having an organic carbon content less than 1.7% by weight, comprising the step of adding a nitrogen containing material and a pH raising agent to raise soil pH above 8.5.
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
5. (new) The method of Claim 2 wherein said pH raising agent is selected from the group consisting of calcium hydroxide, calcium oxide, sodium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, and potassium hydroxide.